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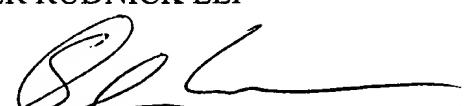
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REFERENCES

- Applicant(s) wish(es) to make of record the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available full or partial English translations of any non-English-language documents.

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